

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this legislation is to align Idaho Code 43-209 with Idaho Code 43-201(3). Under Idaho law, irrigation districts are divided into a minimum of three divisions, from which board directors are elected to represent water users. Under Idaho Code 43-201(3), an irrigation district may, by a resolution of the board that is adopted by the electors, amend its bylaws to allow board members to be elected so long as they live within 15 miles of the district. Section 43-209 provides the process for filling irrigation district board vacancies but limits the eligible candidates to living within their respective irrigation district division. This amendment would allow irrigation districts that have approved the expanded board member residency rules under 43-201(3), to fill vacancies under the same conditions.

FISCAL NOTE

This amendment would provide an alternative method for filling irrigation district board vacancies and, therefore, would have no impact on the General Fund.

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